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DISTRICT OF HAWAII

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF HAWAII

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DENNIS CLAYPOOL, individually Civil No. CV04 00570 HG- BMK and as Guardian Ad Litem for KRISTEN CLAYPOOL, a minor. NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF SHERYL CLAYPOOL, SCOTT BLUE DOLPHIN CHARTERS. CLAYPOOL, and KRISTEN LTD.'S OFFER TO ALLOW CLAYPOOL, MONEY JUDGMENT TO BE Plaintiffs, TAKEN AGAINST LIMITATION PLAINIFF/DEFENDANT BLUE VS. DOLPHIN CHARTERS, LTD., IN CAPTAIN ANDY'S SAILING, INC., FAVOR OF THE CLAYPOOL BLUE DOLPHIN CHARTERS, LTD. PLAINIFFS PURSUANT TO RULE and BLUE DOLPHIN DIVING, INC., 68 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF Defendants. CIVIL PROCEDURE: DECLARATION OF HAROLD G. HOPPE; OFFER OF JUDGMENT;

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE.

MATTHEW ISHAM, individually and as Guardian ad Litem for HAYDEN ISHAM, a minor; ROXANNE BEST ISHAM,  Plaintiffs, vs.  BLUE DOLPHIN CHARTERS, LTD. and BLUE DOLPHIN	) CIVIL NO. CV04-00559 HG-BMK ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )
DIVING, LTD., CAPTAIN	)
ANDY'S SAILING, INC.,	) )
Defendants.	
IN THE MATTER OF THE	) Civil No. CV05-00037 HG BMK
COMPLAINT OF BLUE DOLPHIN	)
CHARTERS, LTD. AND TERRY	)
DONNELLY, AS OWNERS OF	)
THE VESSEL M/V BLUE	)
DOLPHIN, O/N 1082212, FOR	)
EXONORATION FROM AND/OR	) Trial date: April 11, 2006
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY	_)

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF BLUE DOLPHIN CHARTERS, LTD.'S OFFER TO ALLOW MONEY JUDGMENT TO BE TAKEN AGAINST LIMITATION PLAINIFF/DEFENDANT BLUE DOLPHIN CHARTERS, LTD., IN FAVOR OF THE CLAYPOOL PLAINIFFS PURSUANT TO RULE 68 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

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COME NOW, DENNIS CLAYPOOL, SHERYL CLAYPOOL, SCOTT CLAYPOOL, and KRISTEN CLAYPOOL, Plaintiffs in the above entitled action and pursuant to Rule 68 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby give notice of their acceptances of the Offer of Judgment made by Blue Dolphin Charters, Ltd.

This notice is given on the basis of the attached declaration of Counsel and the original Offer to Allow Money Judgment to be Taken Against Limitation Plaintiff/Defendant Blue Dolphin Charters, Ltd., in Favor of the Claypool Plaintiffs, attached hereto; the file and record in this case; and Rule 68 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: February 4, 2006, Honolulu, Hawaii

Harold G. Hoppe

Co-Counsel for Plaintiffs

DENNIS CLAYPOOL, SHERYL

CLAYPOOL, SCOTT CLAYPOOL AND

KRISTEN CLAYPOOL

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## DISTRICT OF HAWAII

DENNIS CLAYPOOL, individually	) Civil No. CV04 00570 HG- BMK
and as Guardian Ad Litem for	)
KRISTEN CLAYPOOL, a minor,	)
SHERYL CLAYPOOL, SCOTT	DECLARATION OF HAROLD G.
CLAYPOOL, and KRISTEN	' HOPPE
CLAYPOOL,	)
Plaintiffs,	)
vs.	)
	)
CAPTAIN ANDY'S SAILING,	)
INC., BLUE DOLPHIN	)
CHARTERS, LTD. and BLUE	)
DOLPHIN DIVING, INC.,	)
Defendants.	)
	)
MATTHEW ISHAM, individually	) CIVIL NO. CV04-00559 HG-BMK
and as Guardian ad Litem for	
HAYDEN ISHAM, a minor;	)
ROXANNE BEST ISHAM,	)
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THE VESSEL M/V BLUE	)	
DOLPHIN, O/N 1082212, FOR	)	
EXONORATION FROM AND/OR	)	
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY	)	

### **DECLARATION OF HAROLD G. HOPPE**

HAROLD G. HOPPE, hereby declares, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court and cocounsel of record for Plaintiffs DENNIS CLAYPOOL, SHERYL CLAYPOOL, SCOTT CLAYPOOL, and KRISTEN CLAYPOOL herein.
- 2. I make this declaration in support of the CLAYPOOL Plaintiffs'
  Notice of Acceptance of Blue Dolphin Charters, Ltd.'s Offer to Allow Money

  Judgment to Be Taken Against Limitation Plainiff/defendant Blue Dolphin Charters,
  Ltd., in Favor of the Claypool Plainiffs Pursuant to Rule 68 of the Federal Rules of
  Civil Procedure the signed original of this offer accompanies this Notice and
  Declaration.
- 3. The Offer to Allow Money Judgment to Be Taken Against Limitation Plainiff/defendant Blue Dolphin Charters, Ltd., in Favor of the Claypool Plainiffs

  Pursuant to Rule 68 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure was signed by Allen K.

Hoe, Esq., at the direction of Robert F. Miller, Esq., the attorney for Terry Donnelly and Blue Dolphin Charters, Ltd. on December 20, 2005, because Mr. Miller was out of town.

- Mr. Miller later extended the offer for a time period of time to extend 4. beyond the date of a Mandatory Settlement Conference which was scheduled for January 18, 2006, but which was cancelled by the Court due to a Motion by Lexington Insurance.
- 5. In the intervening time period, the parties have been involved in negotiations which have culminated in a settlement which incorporate in part the subject offer attached hereto.

EXECUTED UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THIS OF FEBRUARY, 2006.